

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on April 5, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Sen. Don Ryan (D)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

**Staff Present:** Annie Glover, Committee Secretary  
Chris Lohse, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 698, 4/1/2005  
Executive Action: HB 698, HB 173, HB 707, HB 235

00:00:00

HEARING ON HB 698

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. MICHAEL LANGE (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 698, Warm water fishery enhancement program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:53 Mr. Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Walleyes  
Unlimited  
00:02:17 Mr. Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation  
00:02:36 Mr. Larry Peterman, Chief of Field Operations,  
Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT(fis72a01)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:04:36

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:53

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:40

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 698

Motion: SEN. BARKUS moved that HB 698 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:11:16

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 173

Motion: SEN. BALYEAT moved that HB 173 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Substitute Motion: SEN. LARSON made a substitute motion that HB 173 BE TABLED.

SEN. LARSON withdrew his motion.

Motion: SEN. BARKUS moved that HB 173 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Mr. Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Vote: Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote with SEN. GALLUS and SEN. LARSON voting no.

00:18:46

DISCUSSION ON HB 423

00:20:19

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 707

Motion: SEN. BALYEAT moved that HB 707 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Mr. Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:29:17

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 235

Motion: SEN. TROPILA moved that HB 235 BE CONCURRED IN.

EXHIBIT(fis72a02)

Substitute Motion/Vote: SEN. LARSON made a substitute motion that HB 235 BE TABLED. Substitute motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with SEN. GALLUS, SEN. LARSON, and SEN. TROPILA voting aye.

Motion: SEN. HANSEN moved that HB 235 BE AMENDED WITH HB023501.ACL.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion: SEN. BARKUS moved that HB 235 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Vote: Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote with SEN. GALLUS and SEN. LARSON voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

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ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([fis72aad0.PDF](#))**